

2000 California Department of Education (CDE) Survey on Statewide Participation in Subsidized Child Care

The Budget Act of 2000 required that the California Department of Education conduct a survey to determine the characteristics of families and children receiving subsidized child care in California. The following tables were produced using the data collected in this survey. A total of 113 agencies statewide were selected – stratified into 28 large agencies, 60 medium-sized agencies, and 25 small agencies. Large agencies were defined as those that served more than 1,120 families; medium-sized served between 74 and 1,120; and small agencies served no more than 73 families. Then families were randomly selected from each agency in the sample and from the twelve months of fiscal year 1999/2000. The total sample size was 4,523 unduplicated families and 6,529 unduplicated children.

The data presented in the tables focus on families and children who participated in one or more of the “major programs” in which the Governor’s office has inquired. These programs are as follows: (1) Alternative Payment; (2) CalWORKs; (3) General Child Care; and (4) State Preschool. See below for detail on programs in this survey.

Statistical weights were applied to obtain more accurate estimates of families’ and children’s characteristics within the child care programs of interest. Additionally, missing data were excluded from these tables resulting in some slight variation in column and row percentage totals. Since a family or a child can be in more than one program or type of care, the tables shown incorporated duplicated numbers. There are 41 and 121 duplicated families and children respectively. For these reasons, the ‘N’ is not provided for individual tables.

The University of California, Davis served as the statistical consultant for this survey. All statistical analyses we performed using this survey data are meant to be descriptive and not used for inferential statistical analysis. The primary goal was to obtain reasonable point estimates of population and subpopulation parameters of interest rather than by the standard errors. Based on the realized sample size of families and children, the margin of error of an estimated statewide proportion should be no larger than 0.0139 for families and 0.0123 for children. For example, our estimate of the statewide proportion of children participating in CalWORKs 2 program is 0.3585 and given the conservative 95% confidence interval would yield a proportion in the range of 0.3462-0.3708 (this is 0.3585 ± 0.0123).

PROGRAMS INCLUDED IN THE 2000 CDE SURVEY

MAJOR PROGRAMS	CONTRACTS
Alternative Payment	GAPP General Alternative Payment Programs FAPP Federal Alternative Payment Programs
CalWORKs 2	G2AP General CalWORKs Stage 2 F2AP Federal AP CalWORKs Stage 2 F2I3 Federal AP Stage 2 Interim - 3 Months F2I6 Federal AP Stage 2 Interim - 6 Months
CalWORKs 3	G3TO General CalWORKs Stage 3 F3AP Federal Stage 3 AP
General Child Care (Center-Based)	GCTR General Center-Based Child Care GFCC General Family Child Care Homes FCTR Federal Center-Based Child Care FFCC Federal Family Child Care Homes
State Preschool	GPRE General State Preschool